A RECURRING STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE THE SHADE TREES.

Prof. Southwick's Long Battle with Insects overed Last Year - Handreds of and Men Employed to Kill Them.



ROF. S. B. SOUTH WICK, the botanist and entomologist of Central Park, is a busy man. It is his business to look out for the trees and shrubbery in the public parks and see that parasitical insects which infest them and sap their life are destroyed every year The work commences as soon as ever the leaves begin to bud out in the spring, and men are employed unleaves begin to bud men are employed un-

winter time scrubbing and scraping the trees and removing big baskets of insects. as and caterpillars to the Arsenal. ere they are burned with kerosene in an nse furnace. Prof. Southwick has now on his list of

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different species. During the past season thirty new kinds of insects were discovered and catalogued. They comprise all varieties of insects, from beetles, moths and caterpillars down to the little scale insects, which attach themselves thickly to the bark, and kill the tree by sapping its juices.

It was found several years ago that such an enormous amount of injury was being done to the trees by these parasites that the work of destroying them and keeping them under control must be taken in hand systematically and thoroughly if the shade trees in the Park were to be preserved. It was then that Prof. Southwick was put in charge of the work, and the success with which he has exterminated these pests within the three years that he has been at work is shown by the fresh, green and luxuriant foliage of the trees in all parts of the park as compared with their seared and blasted appearance only a short time ago.

One of the very worst of all these insects when he took charge of the work, the Professor said a day or two ago, was the bagworm, known to the scientist by the formidable name of Thoydoptrix ephemerasformis. They covered all the drives and walks a few years ago, and whole sections were entirely defoliated, the trees looking as if they had been burned. In order to remove the pest about half a dozen different kinds of tools had to be made and men were employed to pick them off the limbs. The insects are about an inch and a half long, and the cocoon looks like a little bag which is attached to a leaf or twig by means of a little thread of silk. The male has wings, but the female is only a worm. She dies in the bag filled with eggs, which remain there till spring and then hatch out when the leaves come. Each one of the little worms has fine silk hairs attached to it, which spread out and catch on the limbs, and the worm immediately begins to spin its bag. The insect has been almost exterminated now, but during the first two years ago was the Orgy is leaved to several years ago was the Orgy is leaved. They have

and then returning together. In removing the webs, if any of the caterpillars happen to be out feeding and are not removed with the web, they would in a few hours spin an-other just as large and unsightly as the origi-nal one. The webs are of enormous size, sometimes occupying a space of five or six square feet, and the parasite is one of the worst to contend with on account of its de-

worst to contend with on account of its destructiveness.

Another insect which has been very abundant this year is the imperial moth, or Eacles imperialis. The caterpillar of this moth is very interesting from the great variety of color in its markings and its large size. It ranges in color from a rich, glossy black to light green. The fact that it feeds on nearly eighty different species of trees makes it a very destructive parasite.

The alianthus silk worm, which was imported to work on the alianthus tree is also very destructive, and as it is of no value as a silk producer it has now come to be ticketed simply as a parasite. It is found in all the streets and parks where the alianthus trees grow and it will quickly defoliate them if not removed. In East River Park some time ago one bushel and three pecks of cocoons were removed from the trees.

The ceeropia caterpillar, which belongs to the same family of insects, was also very abundant in this city last season. It is willing to try a great variety of food plants, having been found breeding on the very rare Phellodendron amurense. The Telea polyphemus and Actis luna, two large moths of similar habits to the foregoing, have been very abundant this year and have given a good deal of trouble to those who have been charged with their extermination.

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The elm beetle, Galerusa xanthomilena, is a very destructive parasite, and is treated with London purple. More than 15.00 trees in Central Park have been syringed this year for this beetle alone. It commonly makes its appearance about June 7, but this year it came five days earlier, and stole a march on the exterminators. It is very small in size, and hibernates through the winter. As soon as the leaves make their appearance on the elm trees in the spring the beetle comes out and deposits eggs on them. The eggs hatch into minute larvæ, which immediately begin to cat the green portion of the leaf, and this continues till the whole leaf is a skeleton. The beetle can only be treated successfully when it first makes its appearance. If allowed to get any headway at all, the pest is soon beyond control, for that season at least.

Besides these there are about thirty different kinds of borers scale insects and tree lice or blight which attack the trees in the Park and which have to be watched very closely. They cannot be removed as the caterpillars and cocoons are, but must be freated with a chemical wash which is spread over the trunk and branches of the trees with brushes.

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But at present the trees which have been treated during the season are undergoing a final overhauling preparatory to being left for the winter season. Prof. Southwick thinks that owing to the unusually careful attention they have received this year it will be an easy matter to keep the parasites under control next season.

Wangham, of Montreal, is in the city on a

FOND OF DRAW POKER.

a and Congressmen Who Loved the the Great American Gam

A few evenings since, says the Washington correspondent of the Kansas City Times, a coterie of gentlemen, gathered together at one of the leading clubs, were discussing the interesting subject of poker playing as practiced at the present era as well as in days

one of the leading clubs, were discussing the interesting subject of poker playing as practiced at the present era as well as in days lang syne at the national capital. Many amusing and indeed interesting incidents were detailed respecting the idiosyncrasies of various well-known lovers of the game, which, if put in print, would doubtless impair, if not destroy, the divinity with which common report is apt to hedge some of our public men, who have passed current for saints, when in truth and in fact, as President Lincoln once observed to Senator Wilkinson of Minnesota: "If we are looking for angels we won't find them on earth."

"One of the queerest poker-players I ever sat with," remarked one of the coterie, "was Senator Nye, of Nevada. He was always ready and willing to make up a game and never found fault with the company, however expert. In fact, he preferred to play with the best players, provided the rules of the game were rigidly enforced. He never indulged in conversation, but frequently hummed a tune, preferably an old Methodist hymn. He never picked up his cards until they were all dealt and he fixed his eyes upon the dealer. Before looking at his hand he eagerly scanned the faces of all the other players and then held his own cards very close to his breast, 'skinning' each one carefully. He always insisted that the blind should be limited, but not the bets, and when he was in he put up or made good the blind, as the case might be. He indicated the number of cards he desired to draw by his fingers—one, two, three or more fingers went up. He kept count of the bets with unfailing accuracy, put in his money and, when the call was made, simply spread his hand upon the table, raking in the pot silently if it was the best and saying nothing if he lost.

"Neither winning or losing affected his serenity, but it was noticeable that his losings were rare. He was satisfied to win or lose reasonable amounts, but was hard to read faces pretty accurately, but stated to me on one occasion that the only sphinx-face t

and he worried both Wood and Chandler by his silent but no less successful poker playing.

"Fernando Wood was no slouch at poker," continued the narrator, "but he liked to play with inferiors, men he could beat on the strength of the game. Occasionally he would run up against some tyro playing in big luck, who could draw the horns off a billy goat, so to speak, and fill every time. That used to exasperate Fernando, who was usually cool and self-possessed. As a rule, however, Fernando generally scooped in the winnings, and many a Congressman and Senator wend broke at his table, albeit, he always provided a royal feast for his guests and victims. Indeed, people used to say that the supper was part of Fernando's lay-out, by which many persons were attracted and walked into the spider's parlor."

"I do not think," said another of the party, "that there is as much poker playing nowadays as in times past. Money was plenty during the Johnson and Grant administrations, and hence both private and public gaming flourished. Money is scarce now, and of course the game is limited, particularly among public men. Still, more poker playing goes on privately than is imagined. When Joe Chaffee, of Colorado, was alive and habitated at Washington, he made things lively, but, bless your soul, he couldn't play poker worth a cent. He always lost, and the boys used to divide him out regularly. There are lots of suckers among rich men in public life who are always worth something to the boys at the poker table. They win but rarely, and are just meat for others, Why, I know of one case, an Eastern Senator, as clever a man as ever lived, kind and generous, with plenty of cash. He is sometimes disposed towards poker, and this weakness is taken advantage of by a brother Senator trom a Western State, an adept at the game, who invariably plucks him at the card table, borrows his money and makes fun of him behind his back. This is one of the best paying investments the Western Senator has borrows his money and makes fun of him behind his back. This is one of the best paying investments the Western Senator has made since he came to Washington, and he

made since he came to Washington, and he has made several.

"This little Western Senator works on the Fernando Wood plan of preferring to play in a game he can beat. But, like Fernando, he occasionally, rarely it is true, gets caught. Some year or two since he was invited to a dinner party that subsequently merged into a game of poker at which he had bad luck and lost some \$125. This loss made him squeal like a pig under the gate, and he was indiscreet enough to talk about the matter as if he had been actually robbed. He said the dinner was excellent and the wines splendid, but he couldn't afford ro pay \$125 for a dish of terrapin and a glass of champagne. This episode was the town talk at the time."

ALL THE FORGERY EVIDENCE STOLEN.

Even the State's Attorney's Office in Chi cago Not Safe from Thieves.

Curcago, Oct. 12 -- Extensive forgeries of tickets on one of the railroads running out of Chicago, mounting to several thousand dollars, were discovered a few months ago. The detectives after a ong hunt arrested Louis Stein, Chas. Stout, Frank Layfield and others, ticket agents, and captured a full outfit of forging apparatus and many false

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The case was to have been tried four days ago, but when it was called the State's Attorney found that all the forged tickets, apparatus, depositions and all other papers except the indictment had mysteriously disappeared. The case was tried before Judge Baker three months ago and the jury disagreed. The State had all the evidence then. Since it was discovered that the evidence had disappeared, the vaults in the office of the State's Attorney and the Criminal Court clerk have been ransacked from too to bottom and everything turned tops-turvy in the search for the mis-ing documents. They could not be found and the case was put off again, at the request of the State's Attorney, until Tuesday. It seems aimost incredible that the papers should have been stulen with the guards always about the office.

An Opera Manager Flogged in Duluth, DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 12 -Chas, W. Pike, manager of the Pike Opera Company, was flogged in the Grand Opera-House corridor here last night by Chas. J. Marshall, a prominent grain broker. Five years ago Pike deserted his wife in Nova Scotia and will not grant her a divorce. He is said to be devoted to Louise Mansfield, one of the leading lasties of the company. Pike's and Marshall's wives are sisters, daughters of the Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia. No arrest was made. KILLED IN A QUARREL ABOUT COWS.

Minnesota Farmer Deliberately She His Neighbor After Beating Him. PERHAM, Minn. Oct 12 - Word reached this place early to-day of the murder of Arnold Kohler, a well-to-do farmer living twelve miles porth of here plained that the latter's cattle overran his (Kohler's) fields. Words followed, and Adams and his wife

Kohler on his way home from the fields stopped at the house of a neighbor, John Adams, and comfields. Words followed, and Adams and his wife attacked Konler, knocking him down and pounding him with their fists and a stick of wood. At this juncture E. Mottas appeared on the scene, and went to the assistance of Kohler, who was held prostrate on the floor by Adams while Mrs. Adams pounded him with a stick. After extricating Kohler Mottas started for the door, supposing Kohler would follow him. He had gone but a few steps when he heard a rife report. Turning around he perceived that Koehler had not yet come from the house. Just then snother report followed, and Kohler staggered through the door, failing at Motta's feet, exclaiming: "My God, I am shot!"

So close was the gun to the victim at the time of the discharge that his clothes were set on fire. Mottas extinguished the burning clothes, and, getting a buggy, conveyed the wounded man to his house, but hefore he reached there Kohler was dead. The last seen of the murderer was by Mottas, about an hour after the shooting. He had his gan on his shoulder and was making for the woods. A reward has been offered for his capture.

Nearly every one of Cincinnati's fair maids who attend school out of town, says the Times Star, attend school out of town, says the Times-Star, have gone away, and numerous farewell luncheons have been given by them. At one of these entertainments the young hostess was presented by her guests with a very handsome music roll of embossed leather, lined with satin, on which was stamped her name and the names of the donors. The golden clasp was ornamented with her monogram. One of the items on the bill of fare was "orange hash," an importation from the South. It was delicious. This new-fangied fruit dish is made of oranges, bananas, lemons, apples, raisins and pineapples, cut into little bits and served with sugar and nutmeg. The manner of its serving is as peculiar as the dish itself. A hole is cut in an orange large enough to admit a spoon and after the inside has been scraped out the orange is filled with the hash and a little champagne or other wine—just enough to fill in the chinks—and the whole is frozen.

Cornell's Field Day Set for Oct. 22. ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 12 -At the meeting of thietic Council of Cornell University it was deathletic Council of Cornell University it was de-cided to hold the field day sports of the fall term on Saturday, Oct. 22. The excellent material among the 500 new students argues well for the breaking of old records. All entries are to be given to Noi-ligan, the athletic instructor, and have to be in on or before Friday, Oct. 21. For every Cornell rec-ord broken a medal will be given to the successful competitor.

Mortally Knifed During Prayer. LOUISVILLE, Oct. 12. -At Liberty Baptist Church near Hopkinsville, Monday night, as the closing prayer was being offered, Bud Bryant got into a row with Loonie Preston. In a twinkling he drew a long-bladed knife and with a single slash Bearly disemboweled Preston. In the up our that fol-lowed Bryant escaped, Preston will die. His friends threaten to lynch Bryant if they catch him.

He Killed Her as She Expected. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 12. -- George Martin, o Hinton, late? married a woman of bad reputs, but did not know of her reputation then. She frequently said she knew he would kill her. This morning early he shot her dead and escaped across New River. Jealousy was the cause of the deed.

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